

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An elastic crawler comprising:

a crawler body formed of an elastic material into an endless belt shape; and

a tension member including a plurality of tension cords having opposite ends, the tension cords being embedded in the crawler body so as to extend along a circumferential direction of the crawler and to be arranged in parallel to each other in a widthwise direction of the crawler,

wherein the tension member is formed into a loop by overlapping opposite end portions of each tension cord, extremities of the opposite ends of each tension cord of the tension member are aligned diagonally with respect to the widthwise direction of the crawler, and

wherein an overlapping width of an overlapped portion of the tension member in the widthwise direction of the crawler is smaller than an entire width of the tension member in the widthwise direction of the crawler at any position in the circumferential direction of the crawler.

2. An elastic crawler comprising:

a crawler body formed of an elastic material into an endless belt shape; and

a tension member including a plurality of tension cords

having opposite ends, the tension cords being embedded in the crawler body so as to extend along a circumferential direction of the crawler and to be arranged in parallel to each other in a widthwise direction of the crawler,

wherein the tension member is formed into a loop by overlapping opposite end portions of tension cords, and extremities of the opposite ends of each tension cord of the tension member are aligned diagonally with respect to the widthwise direction of the crawler, and

wherein a distance in the circumferential direction of the crawler from one end to the other end of the longitudinal edge of the tension member in the circumferential direction of the crawler is equal to or greater than an overlapping length of the tension cord in the circumferential direction of the crawler.

3. An elastic crawler according to Claim 1, wherein the tension cords are disposed so that the opposite extremities of each tension cord are aligned to form edge lines, respectively, which are substantially parallel to each other.

4. An elastic crawler according to Claim 2, wherein the tension cords are disposed so that the opposite extremities of each tension cord are aligned to form edge lines, respectively, which are substantially parallel to each other.

5. An elastic crawler according to Claim 1, wherein the tension member is formed with longitudinally opposite edges having a V-shape opening toward the same direction in the circumferential direction of the crawler.

6. An elastic crawler according to Claim 2, wherein the tension member is formed with longitudinally opposite edges having a V-shape opening toward the same direction in the circumferential direction of the crawler.